



Africa's Best!

Jwaneng, Botswana. – Five gold medals - women's fours, singles, pairs; men's trips, singles, plus silver in the women's trips, men's fours and pairs saw Bowls South Africa's Protea men and women lawn bowlers comfortably and predictably retain overall victory in the annual African States Tournament, here, writes **Alan Simmonds, Media Officer, Bowls SA.**

The nations competing were Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Malawi and hosts Botswana; format was singles, pairs, triples and fours.

In the men's fours, SA had to stave off Namibia and Kenya on shot difference, the trio two points behind Zimbabwe.

With Gauteng's Prince Neluonde (JBA) and Pierre Breitenbach (NW) gold medalists at the Glasgow XX Commonwealth Games plus non-travelling woman's reserve for Scotland, Sylvia Burns (WP playing, the holders were always likely to be too consistent and skilful for the remainder of the field - they were.

Nici Neal (Sables) the women's SA Singles champion and Nic Rusling (WP) the men's SA Masters champion, multiple national and international champions Herzog Meiring (S Free State), Port Natal's Bronwyn Webber and Louise Larkin and dashing René Swanepoel (WP) provided great depth; exciting Thinus Oelofse (Ekurhuleni) made a promising international debut.

Final logs: Women: Fours: SA 12 points, +84 shots (Malawi did not field a women's side), Zimbabwe 8, +48; Namibia 8, +16; Botswana 6; Zambia 4, -3; Swaziland 4, -54; Kenya 0. **Singles:** SA 10, +24; Kenya 8, +16; Swaziland 8, +10; Namibia 6; Zimbabwe 4, -8; Botswana 4, -19; Zambia 2. **Trips:** Zimbabwe 11, +38; SA 10, +27; Botswana 7, Namibia 6, Zambia 5, Kenya 3, Swaziland 0; **Pairs:** SA 12, +55; Botswana 10; Namibia 8; Zimbabwe 4, -10; Zambia 4, -12; Swaziland 2, -37; Kenya 2, -47.

Men: Trips: SA 14, +99; Zimbabwe 11; Kenya 9; Botswana 8; Namibia 6, +12; Swaziland 6, -37; Malawi 2; Zambia 0. **Pairs:** Namibia 12, +49; SA 9, +53; Zimbabwe 8, +21; Kenya 8, +7; Botswana 6, Malawi 4, Swaziland 2. **Fours:** Zimbabwe 12, +75; SA 10, +85, Namibia 10, +61; Kenya 10, +16; Zambia 6, Malawi 2; Swaziland 0.

Singles: SA 12, +60, Kenya 12, +51; Zimbabwe 12, +42; Swaziland 6, -19; Botswana 6, -27; Namibia 4, -12; Zambia 4, -20, Malawi 0, -75.



CHAMPIONS AGAIN: Bowls SA's Protea men and women pose after winning the men's women's and overall trophies at the African States Tournament in Botswana. From left, back: Pierre Breitenbach, Nic Rusling, Thinus Oelofse, Bowls SA president, Allan Freeman, Herzog Meiring, manager/coach, Jessica Henderson, Prince Neluonde; front: Nici Neal, Louise Larkin, René Swanepoel, Sylvia Burns, Bronwyn Webber

Players: Women: Fours: Louise Larkin (Port Natal), René Swanepoel (WP), Bronwyn Webber (Port Natal), Sylvia Burns (WP); **triples:** Larkin, Webber, Burns; **pairs:** Swanepoel, Nici Neal (Sables); **singles:** Neal. **Men: Fours:** Pierre Breitenbach (NW), Herzog Meiring (S Free State), Thinus Oelofse (Ekurhuleni), Prince Neluonde (JBA); **triples:** Breitenbach, Meiring, Neluonde; **pairs:** Nic Rusling (WP),/Oelofse; **singles:** Rusling. **Head coach: Manager/coach:** Jessica Henderson.

WP women lift inaugural Specsavers SA Pro 10 title

Western Province bowlers Maggie van Zyl and Lydia Maritz, of Durbanville BC, took honours in the inaugural national Spec-Savers Bowls SA Pro 10 pairs tournament after a thrilling final against local pair Shane Gobey and Peter Hufkie at Mill Park BC, Port Elizabeth, writes **Neale Emslie (PE Herald) and Alan Simmonds (BowlsSA Media officer)**.

It was the culmination of a year's qualifying, with thousands competing from virtually all BowlsSA's 500 plus clubs. Forty pairs (winners and runners-up qualifying from Bowls SA's 20 districts) in four sections of 10, contested the two-bowls pairs event over 10 ends a game with each bow counting from four to one point depending on position to the jack.

Although Van Zyl and Maritz led from the fifth end, the final was in the balance until the finish thanks to the fine efforts of all four finalists, as well as the fluctuating fortunes of Pro 10 bowls.

Eventually, it was the WP pair who emerged winners 51-49 after 10 ends of exciting competition.

The cut-throat nature of Pro 10 bowls was never more evident than on the eighth end when PE pair Gobey and Hufkie, having reduced their opponents' advantage to two shots, were in a position to pull off a 10-shot swing. But WP skip Van Zyl rose to the occasion and put her final bowl on the kitty to ward off that threat and to transform it to a 7-3 advantage.

Against the solid play of Van Zyl and Maritz, the PE players were always up against it over the final two ends, but that never stopped them from trying to close the gap.

However, to their delight, the WP players held on for the victory to crown a wonderful weekend for them in which a major highlight was upsetting Proteas players Gerry Baker and Jason Evans in the semi-finals.

After their victory, Van Zyl acknowledged the closeness of the contest.

"It was tense, very tense, and I think both teams played well," she said. "We did feel the pressure, but Lydia was great and I think we



DASHING DUO: Durbanville's Lydia Maritz and Maggie van Zyl, champion of the Pro 10 Pairs, flank SpecSavers franchisee optometrist Dudu Zikiza, at the prize giving in Port Elizabeth

combined well, naturally we are happy with the way things went. To beat Gerry and Jason was a highlight; winning it, even better.

We loved the format and the tournament was great; we enjoyed it enormously," Van Zyl said.



SO CLOSE: Silver medallists, Peter Hufkie and Shane Gobey of PE Bowling Club, EP

Hufkie, a provincial player, paid tribute to the champions and aid they deserved victory.

"The tournament was brilliant and we enjoyed getting to the final. We didn't feel pressure that much – we went out and played; they deserved to win; they played well – the critical last shot on the eighth end, I think, proved the difference."

Baker endorsed the sentiments. The SA No 1 saw the format as exciting and compact; the scoring makes for close competition.

"I can see the entry being even bigger with the finals at The Wanderers, Johannesburg next year. With their four

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greens it will make a fantastic event and great for spectators," he told the EP Herald.

Bronze medallists were Bruno Belotti/Colin White of Rovers BC (N Free State) and Baker/Evans (Belgravia, JBA) – the latter two members of the SA successful team at the XX Commonwealth Games at Glasgow, Scotland.

Choose the best, says BowlsSA

All restrictions concerning selection of teams for the 2015 Inter-district Championships have been removed, save the 60+ detail for seniors. The proposal adopted by council at BowlsSA's annual meeting rescinded a decision taken at the 2012 AGM regarding team selection.

Regulations now indicate:

Perfect Delivery: BowlsSA Open Interdistricts: No restrictions; best possible combinations required.

Perfect Delivery: BowlsSA Senior Interdistricts: Players must be 60+ on the first day of the event.

BowlsSA B Interdistricts: Districts should select best possible combinations after Open selections.

Warwick Wealth: BowlsSA U-25 Interdistricts: All men and women under 26 on the first day of the event qualify districts experiencing player shortages may "borrow" from other districts and any gender combination may comprise a rinks side..

BowlsSA U-19 Development Tournament: Both genders under 20 on the first day of the event are eligible; Districts may borrow from other districts; any combination of female and male players may be included in the composition of a team of four players. Districts and any gender combination may comprise a rinks side.

From the president's desk: African bowls standard on the rise

I was delighted to attend, on your behalf, the African States Tournament at Jwaneng in Botswana where yet again South Africa's Protea men and women won overall gold medals. I am pleased to say, however, the standard of play of other African nations continues to improve – the SA players had to be at their best to finally triumph. Including overall, we won 7 gold and 3 silver medals – almost a clean sweep. Our side consisted mainly of players from the Gold Squad, who did not travel to the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. The African States event was well run by Botswana Bowls Association, which can be proud of its effort.

Nearer home, the finals of the Super 10 Pairs - a new national event - sponsored by SpecSavers, were held over a late September weekend in Port Elizabeth. I could not attend - being in Botswana – but learnt it was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all – some of our top players made the 40-pair finals. An even bigger (this year already moved into the thousands) qualifying entry is expected for next year; the finals are in Gauteng at The Wanderers.

A national camp, packed with the cream of SA's bowlers, was held towards the end of September. There, the Gold and Silver Squads were reviewed, selections made for the 2015 Warwick Wealth/

BowlsSA Masters and the Quadrangular Tournament to be held in Windhoek from October 31- November 2. An annual Test series between South Africa and Namibia for several years, I am pleased to announce it is now a series that includes Zimbabwe and South African Juniors. I am looking forward to seeing how our juniors fare against national sides. My hunch is they will acquit themselves well; the seniors continue to be a test between South Africa and Namibia only.

Your executive was returned unopposed at the AGM on August 30 (see this newsletter); we hold our Bosberaad early in October to plan the year ahead.

Good bowling to you all in the new season – remember, your wonderful sport needs you.



Allan Freeman
President, Bowls SA
October 2014

New faces in SA gold squads

For a first time three black South African bowlers are included in the elite BowlsSA Gold Squad of 16 from which Proteas are selected. They are Commonwealth Games Trips gold medallist Prince Neluonde. SA Open Singles champion Morgan Muvhango and Gauteng's promising Victor Siphali.

The women's squad sees the return of Protea Rika Lynn and inclusion of young Roxanne Tingle of Gauteng. In the Warwick Wealth/BowlsSA Masters, SpecSavers' Pro 10 champions Lydia Maritz and Maggie van Zyl of WP make debuts.

Gold Squad

Men	Women
Brendan Ainley NIB	Tracy-Lee Botha JBA
Gerry Baker JBA	Sylvia Burns WPB
Pierre Breitenbach NWB	Elma Davis EDB
Stephan de Jager BOL	Louise Larkin PNB
Bobby Donnelly JBA	Rika Lynn SBA
Jason Evans JBA	Annelie Mathewson NCB
Rudi Jacobs NFS	Tracy Meyerdricks JBA
S.Jansen van Vuuren (MPL)	Geraldine Moodaley (NCB)
Morgan Muvhango SBA	Susan Nel SBA
Prince Neluonde JBA	Nici Neal SBA
Thinus Oelofse EKB	Colleen Piketh JBA
Wayne Perry JBA	Esmé Steyn JBA
Conrad Potgieter BOR	Anneke Snyman BOL
Wayne Rittmuller PNB	Rene Swanepoel WPB
Nick Rusling WPB	Roxanne Tingle JBA
Victor Siphali JBA	Bronwyn Webber PNB

Silver Squad

Men	Women
Brendan Bakkes SFS	Janita du Toit WPB
Scott Elliott NCB	Corlize Fourie BGN
Arno Greyling SFS	Ezile Fourie BOL
Noah Mabula JBA	Carmen Taljaard BGN
Charles Mathewson NCB	Cicile Krige SFS
Tarquin Ormston BOR	Rienie Lucas BGN
Wayne Roberts PNB	Jennifer Mackay NFS
Stevan Scott BGN	Shimanda Nepgen EKB
Wesley Taylor (BOL)	Ashleigh Parks JBA
D. van Loggerenberg (BOL)	Michelle Wort EKB
Chad Wakeford BOR	Dezi Rosenblatt EPB
Paul White PNB	

Masters

Men		Women	
Open			
Gerry Baker	JBA	Tracy-Lee Botha	JBA
Pierre Breitenbach	NWB	Elma Davis	EDB
Bobby Donnelly	JBA	Jacqui Janse van Rensburg	JBA
Jason Evans	JBA	Rika Lynn	SBA
Rudi Jacobs	NFS	Lydia Maritz	WPB
S. Jansen van Vuuren	MPL	Glenda Matthews	PNB
Francois Koen	BGN	Tracy Meyeridricks	JBA
George Lotter Jnr	SED	Nici Neal	SBA
Morgan Muvhango	SBA	Susan Nel	SBA
Prince Neluonde	JBA	Colleen Piketh	JBA
Thinus Oelofse	EKB	Nan Roos	KZN
Wayne Perry	JBA	Charlotte Rossouw	JBA
Conrad Potgieter	BOR	Anneke Snyman	BOL
Clinton Roets	SFS	Esmé Steyn	JBA
Nick Rusling	WPB	Maggie van Zyl	WPB
Darryn Stephen	FS	Bronwyn Webber	PNB
Senior			
Neil Carroll	JBA	Arlene Bosse	EDB
John Connellan	PNB	Marina Brink	WPB
Eddie Fann	KBA	Hanna Gevers	KZN
Theuns Fraser	SBA	Jenny Giles	EPB
Allan Gordon	JBA	Sharon Glenn	JBA
Geoff Gowar	EPB	Colleen Grondein	PNB
Laylon Howard	NIB	Maureen Muller	KBA
Tommy Jamie	BGN	Jenny Smith	JBA
Lewis Klopper	JBA	Ellie van Coller	EKB
Gerald May	EKB	Loraine Victor	BGN
Mike Marnewick	SBA	Yvonne Wilson	WPB
B. van der Spuy	BGN	Trish Young	WPB
Junior			
Brendan Bakkes	SFS	Janita du Toit	WPB
Scott Elliott	NCB	Corlize Fourie	BGN
Arno Greyling	SFS	Ezile Fourie	BOL
Noah Mabula	JBA	Carmen Taljaard	BGN
Charles Mathewson	NCB	Cicile Krige	SFS
Tarquin Ormston	BOR	Rienie Lucas	BGN
Wayne Roberts	PNB	Jennifer Mackay	NFS
Stevan Scott	BGN	Shimanda Nepgen	EKB
Stephan de Jager	(BOL)	Ashleigh Parks	JBA
D. van Loggerenberg	BOL	Michelle Wort	EKB
Chad Wakeford	BOR	Dezi Rosenblatt	EPB
Paul White	PNB	Roxanne Tingle	JBA

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DATE	EVENT	DISTRICT	VENUE
	Gold Squad Camp		
13 - 15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
13 - 15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Senior Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
13 -15 Feb	Warwick Bowls SA Junior Masters Singles Championship	JBA	Wanderers
07 – 15 March	World Junior Championships	Gold Coast	Australia
09 - 13 March	Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Open Inter Dist. Championship	Port Natal	Park Hill
09- 13 March	Bowls SA "B" Inter District Tournament Championship	Gauteng North	Wingate
09- 13 March	Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Senior Inter Dist. Championship	Eden Bowls	George
07 – 10 April	Warwick Bowls SA U/25 Inter Dist. Championship	Southern F S	Bloem Muni
07 – 10 April	U/19 Development Tournament	Southern F S	Orangia
13 -24 April	World Cup (Indoor) Singles	Warilla	Australia
19 -25 April	Disability Bowls Nationals	Gauteng North	Wingate
16-24 May	Warwick Bowls SA Men's National Championship	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
16-24 May	Warwick Bowls SA Women's National Championship	Eastern Province P E	
10-13 June	SA Mixed Pairs Championship	Boland Bowls	Hermanus
03-04 July	Transformation Camp	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
14 – 16 August	National Camp	JBA	Wanderers
29 August	Workshop	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
30 August	AGM	Ekurhuleni	Edenvale
12 - 13 Sept	SpecSavers : Bowls SA Pro10 Pairs	JBA	Wanderers
Dist Discretion	Family Day	ALL	ALL
30 Nov – 13 Dec	Atlantic Championships	Cyprus	Paphos
16 – 22 Nov	World Singles Champion of Champions	Queensland Aus	Helenvale BC
30 Oct – 01 Nov	International Quadrangular		

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The amazing value of Warwick's sponsorship

Bowls SA has released a statement regarding sponsorship and in particular their association with principal sponsor of bowls in South Africa – Warwick Wealth. It is published here unchanged as received from the BSA executive:

“Sponsorship in sport and in particular our sport is not something that is easily obtained. We at Bowls South Africa and indeed our bowling community have been extremely blessed to have had a sponsorship relationship with Warwick Wealth that has been in place since 2002 and recently extended until at least 2017.

This sponsorship includes many facets that bring a benefit to all concerned. From a National Federation perspective their support contributes some 20% of our annual income which helps fund amongst others, activities such as the SA Masters and a number of our national tournaments. Their generosity extends to financing our membership cards and also the monthly newsletter. From a Club and District perspective numerous activities have been in place that also benefited them in the past. These benefits have extended to all members of the respective bowling communities and not to the exclusive benefit of Warwick clients. Therefore these benefits have ensured that our entire bowling community has in some way been enriched through the generosity of Warwick Wealth.

In terms of the recently announced new agreement these benefits with several enhancements will continue, at least until 2017. In a move to focus a portion of the benefit payment to those responsible for causing the benefit, a ‘Client Centric’ approach, benefits previously accruing to Clubs and Districts as a result of investment income has now been transferred to the client. Clients who now become the beneficiary are well within their rights to redirect this benefit to their Club or District if they feel the need to do so. This investment amount will be R500 per annum for each client who has a personal share portfolio with Warwick. In addition clients who have a personal share portfolio with an investment of R1m and a Will with a value of R1m will be granted ‘Platinum status’ and receive an additional R1000 per annum.

This ‘Client Centric’ approach is a commonly adopted practice by all institutions today with numerous loyalty cards being available. The benefit of these cards is directed to those responsible for the wealth creation in the institution.

Other areas of sponsorship covered by Warwick Wealth will be:

1 Sponsorship of over 200 club events nationally, with increased prize money. Apart from the prize money and add-ons provided by Warwick the added benefit of entrance fees, bar revenues etc should also be taken into

account.

2 Sponsorship of bowls clubs that meet their client number criteria to the values relevant each season; more than 100 clubs across South Africa benefit from this area of the sponsorship.

3 Erect and maintain signage at 200 clubs and remunerate that club for R1 000.

Continued special sponsorship deals with clubs where Warwick has a long term relationship.

The net sum of the above represents sponsorship directed by Warwick Wealth into our bowls community and amounts to some R3.5 million a year - an investment of R140 per registered bowler per annum. Clearly, this is a significant financial boost to our sport.

The relationship that exists between Bowls South Africa and Warwick Wealth is a relationship that has existed for twelve years. During that time the entire bowling community has been substantially enriched through the generosity of Warwick Wealth. In as much as other organisations focus on building their client base through benefit directed reward programmes we support Warwick in their desire to create this same relationship. Sadly through the years the vast majority of beneficiaries that received income, through no intervention on their part, have never bothered to acknowledge their thanks to the provider of such income.

We at Bowls South Africa will always be extremely grateful to Warwick Wealth for the role they have played in our sport. The relationship and terms thereof are one that is concluded from time to time between Bowls South Africa and Warwick Wealth and therefore any conditions contained therein are as a result of agreement between the two parties.

The fact that individuals and or institutions have benefited as a consequence is as a direct result of such agreement and we therefore request that Clubs and or Districts that have any queries regarding such agreement direct such request in the normal manner i.e. through their District to Bowls South Africa and not to our sponsor Warwick Wealth.”

Tabs-in! app taking off across SA

Bowls clubs throughout South Africa have warmed to innovative and time-saving Tabs-In! Fast and Easy randomiser application. Into its second year, positive feedback and continual



INNOVATIVE: Trish Neethling - brains behind Tabs-in!

interest has considerably grown the club data base, writes Newsletter Editor

Says inventor and owner Trish Neethling, who has been touring in the Western Cape and Gauteng: “I received phone calls and e-mails from many clubs in the Cape so I made presentations at clubs along the

Garden Route, then in Cape Town and suburbs; my latest visit was up at Vredendal.”

Neethling was pleased some smaller clubs bought the programme, “they saw an ability to keep stats of previous matches might encourage members to play more often.”

The application also handles different game formats, providing more competitive experience; moreover, the application's random draw means club members usually face different opponents.

“I was pleased clubs found the application easy to set install. Once a club's platform is set up players are in the database, the club's password provides access to all information – including vital material, such as members' details and ranked positions, Neethling said.

For clubs requiring assistance or to arrange a presentation, e-mail Ms Neethling at support@tabsin.co.za or call **071 361 4179**; introduction video: www.tabsin.co.za

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

BORDER THE EIGHT THAT MADE HISTORY



Dale College and Cambridge High School bowlers who made history by playing the first inter-schools' bowls competition in King William's Town along with officials are, back row from left: Warwick Osmond (Dale Deputy Headmaster), Dalians: Brett McIntyre, Haydn Hayidakis, Randolph Bigornia, Kennan Ferreira. On the right is Border Bowls development head Neville Hort and development coach Richard Vlotman. In front from left is the Cambridge team: Jayson Marriott, Chad Dawson, Sisipho Rebe and Edward Schemel.

Picture: BRIAN McLEAN

Here's what the players had to say:

Dale team:

HAYDN HAYIDAKIS (skip): It all came down to me and I was pretty nervous. When I drew the winner I was overjoyed.

RANDOLPH BIGORNIA (third): When we peeled on the 14th end I knew we had a chance to win.

KENNAN FERREIRA (second): Was happy it went down to the last end. Thought it was a brilliant effort from Haydn.

BRETT McINTYRE (lead): It was very tense from start to finish. I loved being part of it.

Cambridge team:

EDWARD SCHEMEL (skip): It was brilliant to play another school. Bowls at the Commonwealth Games inspired me.

CHAD DAWSON (third): We were good in the beginning but we lost concentration and that cost us.

JAYSON MARRIOTT (second): I really enjoyed it and it was great playing Dale. I wish other schools can get involved.

SISIPHO REBE: It was a tough game and challenging. It was the first time I played lead and it was a real challenge.

When the pupils of Cambridge High and Dale College stepped onto the green in King William's Town recently, little did they know history was being made. They know now of course, and their cause probably only hit them later. What they don't know is that the first game, won 16-15 by Dale, excited the bowls fraternity no end and for good reason. Word spread like wildfire among bowlers and with a return game set Wednesday this past week at the Comrades Bowling Club, a large crowd attended.

Former Border Bowls president Arthur Brandt who lives in Cathcart emailed Border Bowls development head Neville Hort saying how excited he was and would travel to watch the game. "I am proud that the proposal of an inter-schools' game took place and it was during my term as president that the possibility arose," Brandt wrote.

But that's only the start and while history may have been made, it's important that this momentum gets carried through to other schools. Perhaps that's easier said than done and in order to achieve this objective, a lot of spadework has to be done. The many schools have to be contacted, permission received, interest gauged and the bowls message spread.

An ideal target would be the many rural schools which surround most towns. There has to be budding talent in abundance but the cost of transporting youngsters to the various urban venues and back would be astronomical unless the Department of Sports can be enticed to come on board - and all this by a small band of development officers with hardly any budget. But in the end where there's a will there's a way, one would like to believe.

"So far no budget has been allocated to development by either Border Bowls or SA Bowls but we are in the third year of a five-year mission and we are making ground," said Hort. He added it was intended to open a bowling academy within the next two years.

"One way of doing things is to target kids who don't play other sports. They may be handicapped in some way and playing bowls is something for them to do."

A positive on the side of Cambridge and Dale is the fact that staff have begun playing the game and this, no doubt, played a positive role. James Symington, a former provincial rugby fly half plays bowls for Comrades hence his interest. Likewise Mike Eddy is headmaster of Dale, Warwick Osmond is deputy head and Zane Hagemann, is a departmental head, all bowlers.

It was the influence imposed by Symington that Cambridge scholars such as Edward Schemel, Chad Dawson and Jayson Marriott represented Comrades Club in the Border league which helped foster their enthusiasm.

The role played by Hort and his team of dedicated coaches cannot be over emphasised. They hold clinics at the Comrades Club every Tuesday where as many as 12 youngsters attend, mainly from Cambridge.

What is not widely known is that highly rated Cambridge first rugby team captain and eighth man, Lusanda Badiyana, is one of those who attends the clinic.

It's only his rugby interest which has kept him away but his willingness to learn should be an inspiration to others.

There's another side to this bowling coin.

"Young players are without doubt the future of bowls on the Border. Currently there are quite a few youngsters coming through but the big challenge is to get other schools involved in inter-school games.

"We have the necessary coaches but at the end of the day the various schools on the Border hold the key in helping spread the game amongst the youth.

"I don't believe race should be brought into this but it's noticeable that black kids at Cambridge are being exposed to the game in numbers and this is a good sign," Hort said.

"It's imperative to get a schools league going. SA Bowls have been excellent in supplying us with bowls and all the necessary equipment so that's no problem."

Border Development coach Richard Vlotman, who last year took a side away to a development tournament in the Cape, said bowls was not an easy game and needed a lot of concentration.

"Despite its image, bowls requires a lot of skill and the basics of the game are important," he said.

Heather Boucher, mother of cricketer Mark Boucher and one of only three Level 3 coaches on the Border, said Border Bowls had been trying to get a foot into schools for years. "There's a fresh interest from parents in that many parents come to watch their kids playing and some have even said they want to take up the game themselves. Perhaps more family tournaments should be held and different formats of play should be encouraged," she said.

Brian McClean - Daily Dispatch

KINGFISHER COACHES STANDING COMMITTEE

Kingfisher have recently completed a level one coaches' course with 14 enthusiastic candidates from the whole length of our district. They are now busy coaching their students who we anticipate will all join clubs and enjoy a long bowling career. This year we have also held our third academy day for thirds. This day includes head reading, practice at the more attacking shots and an amusing demonstration on how some thirds behave, but hopefully our candidates will not. This day has become so successful and well attended that we intend holding another later in the year.

NATAL SOUTH COAST UMTENTWENI BOWLING CLUB LEVEL 1 COACHES COURSE



Attending the level one coach's course at the Umtentweni Bowling Club are (from left) Jill Atkinson (BSA), Charles Murgatroyd, Clive Edmundson, Ian MacKenzie, Jerry Davey, Jane Massam, Ron Jutte, Gay Jutte, Jan Huygen, Arthur Ronaldson, Tina Barbour, Geoff Barbour, Moira Humphrey, Eddie Milne, Trish Steyn, Peter Woolcock, Maureen Head and Barbara Fernihough.

UP COMING LEVEL 1 COACHES COURSES

WP September, 2014

JBA September, 2014

EP October, 2014

PN October, 2014

Level 2 (District) Coaching Courses

NSCC is pleased to be facilitating two Level 2 courses in the near future – 16-20/09/2014 in George & 11-15/01/2015 in Jo-burg. All details are available in Bowls SA Circular 39 or you may contact Con Dixie (email address under National Standing Committee of Coaches) ASAP.

Con Dixie

NSCC Coach-2-Coach Days

NSCC liaison members hope to visit all their districts in the next 18 months to 'visit with' all local coaches and DSCCs. NSCC would like to share the latest coaching information on whatever each District requests and also listen to the issues and triumphs of the local coaches. We look forward to meeting you all personally and enjoying a good day together to help us all move forward in coaching our beloved sport.

Con Dixie

ADVICE ON TRAINING IN HOT WEATHER

When the weather is expected to include high temperatures it is recommended that you undertake training as early in the day as possible if training outdoors. The following information can also assist in reducing the heat risk associated with exercise in hot conditions.

- Drink 15-20 ml/kg-1 bodyweight of a sports drink, fruit juice or water each evening prior to bed can also assist in pre-hydrating and improving the tolerance of the environmental conditions the next day.

- If you are competing or training later in the day it is recommended that your athletes hydrate ahead of time by ingesting 10 ml/kg-1 of a cold sports drink

or fruit juice in the 120-90 min prior to competition or training

- During the day you can lose fluid at 2 litres plus per hour. Ensure that your athletes are taking in a cool drink (water, sports drink or fruit juice) to maintain their weight and urine production. It is recommended that they avoid caffeinated drinks.
- Ice slushies can also assist in reducing the heat stress of an individual and provide an additional option to help cool and take in fluids - drinking liquids.
- Keeping cool and using cooling techniques will assist to keep things safe. Air- conditioning, showers, pools, cooling jackets, damp towels around the head, neck and shoulders combined with some airflow (fan or breeze) will all assist in heat loss and maintaining body temperature.
- Light coloured clothing, clothing that "wicks" sweat from the skin or loose clothing that allows airflow over the skin will also assist in cooling, is preferable in hot conditions.
- If an adverse incidence occurs seek medical advice ASAP.



DON'T DROP NUMBERS

Many times we see players trying to get the shot with every bowl delivered or playing weight too early. The art of building a head is sometimes lost in the heat of battle. Building a head will minimise dangerous situations and provides opportunities to convert shots down to shots up once you have bowls in the head. Games can be won or lost in one or two ends and we all look back at some games and think, if only I had drawn second shot, instead of dropping four, we may have won.



NATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF COACHES

Below is the updated NSCC information – please feel free to contact your liaison member with any queries and/or issues regarding coaching and/or coaches in your districts. We are waiting for your calls!

Name	Address	Tel	Fax	Cell	District Allocations
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Con Dixie	Dixie@nmmu.ac.za	0415042213	0415049080	0822203707	WP, Boland, Eden
Graham McKenzie		0114523802		0823474972	Ekurhuleni, Mpumalanga, Limpopo
Heather Boucher	hebouch@gmail.com		0866213082	0833100797	Border, EP, SFS, NFS

District Allocations (with Exco Liaisons):

JB: N Cape, Sedibeng, Sable, N West (all Fred Kruis); JBA, BGN, Mpumalanga, Limpopo (all Andy Strong)

GM: Ekurhuleni (Andy Strong)

JA: KZN Country, Natal Inland, Port Natal, Kingfisher (all Charles Levy)

CD: WP, Boland, Eden (all Kallie Haupt)

HB: Border (Allan Freeman); EP, SFS, NFS (all Rob Forbes)

Please may we request that **ALL Districts forward the details of their District Standing Committees to the relevant NSCC member (above) in order to improve our communication channels.**

The allocation of portfolios is as follows:

JB : Convenor, NQF, correspondence, budget

GM: Technical advisor

JA : Level 1 Co-ordinator

CD : NSCC course convenor, materials development, NQF

HB : Forum, Website & IT-related projects, Coaches Database

Coaches Forum is the official publication of Bowls South Africa's NSCC

Please send district news to Heather Boucher (hebouch@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next Coaches' Forum – thank you.

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Prior learning move

The South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) have agreed to the concept of recognition of prior learning to open the pathway for coach's qualifications and certification as part of the implementation of the South African Coaching Framework.

Bowls South Africa recognises previous coaching experiences and physical educational qualifications which are underpinned by functional competency.

The RPL programme will be conducted in line with the following principles and be managed by the National Standing Committee for Coaches (NSCC):

1. Approval to be obtained from the NSCC for the RPL of any candidate;
2. Full motivation to be submitted by districts for the RPL of any candidate and reasons why a candidate should be considered;
3. Certificates of any sports education and details of previous practical coaching experience must accompany the application.
4. Districts to indicate how the candidate will be employed in their coaching structure.
5. Name of coach (es) responsible for the RPL and certification of candidate to be indicated.
6. The NSCC reserve the right to interview a candidate.

Marker and umpire 'tools'

BowlsSA policy for its official international singles events where it is the controlling body:

Marker: May use only a box string measure; bullet string measure; wedges for bowls and a jack.

Umpire: A box string measure; bullet string measure, telescopic measure, callipers; feeler gauges; long string measure; 30m tape, retractable boundary string/ mirror and a square, edges for bowls and jack.

Club discipline explained

In order to effectively manage discipline, clubs are recommended to call a special general meeting, or pass motions at an annual meeting to amend constitutions by adopting the clauses as set by BowlsSA here. A guide to procedures to be followed when conducting a disciplinary hearing is available on the Bowls SA website (www.bowlsa.co.za) under the icon Admin on the home page.

First Addition

"A club shall accept and abide by the spirit and terms of the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDFS) Anti-Doping Programme and the Anti-Doping Rules, including the application of its sanctions to individuals and shall respect the authority of and co-operate with SAIDFS and the hearing bodies in all anti-doping matters which are not governed by the rules of the relevant International Federation."

Second Addition

"The club and its members shall abide by all agreements entered into between BowlsSA and any authority relating to the promotion, control or testing of prohibited substances and drug use by any member of any club in the republic of South Africa."

Third Addition Disciplinary Procedure: The club through its committee shall be obliged to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member who contravene any applicable code of conduct, rule, bylaw or resolution by the club committee, District



EXECUTIVE: (Re-elected en-bloc at the 2014 AGM, the Bowls SA executive: from left, back row: Charles Levy, Rob Forbes, Fred Kruis, Andy Strong; front: Kallie Haupt (vice-president), Allan Freeman (president and John Ravenscroft (operations manager)

or Bowls SA, or who commits any act deemed to be harmful to the sport of bowls or any other member or person at any club, bowls facility or bowls event or any other act which brings the sport into disrepute."

Fourth Addition

"It is the responsibility of each club member to ensure acquaintance with the relevant disciplinary code of conduct as well as the disciplinary procedure of the club."

Conditions of play explained

In compliance with internationally accepted change, the process of expunging scores should a side/team or player withdraw during sectional play has been replaced by BowlsSA Conditions of Play for all tournaments.

• Should a side/team/player withdraw at any time during play with or without the consent of the controlling body, all completed results up to the point of withdrawal, stand. That game and the remainder of their games shall, however, be forfeited and the opposing side/team/player for that and the remaining unplayed games be allocated two points and the net total of shots equal to the average net total of shots scored by the winners of all the other games played in the same round/s of the same section. If, without consent from the controlling body, then suitable disciplinary action may be taken by Bowls South Africa.

The above should be adapted according to scoring system being applied.

District (Level 2) Coaching

Applications from active club coaches (Level 1) interested in upgrading to Level 2 are invited to attend the next district coaches course Outeniqua BC (Eden) from November 16-20 or at The Wanderers BC from January 11-15, 201; all are required to fund expenses. Pre-requisites are: DSCC & district executive must motivate applications to NSCC (ask clubs); the candidate must be acceptable by elite and district players as a coach. A maximum of 18 candidates will be accommodated. If a district nominates more than one candidate preference must be indicated; Portfolio; to get to know something about candidates; About 100 hours of coaching at Level 1; the bulk accumulated in the past four years; Computer literacy is highly recommended; minimum of a current Level 1 Technical Official qualification; Knowledge of first-aid recommended.

Level 1 coaching protocol

The National Standing Committee for Coaching (NSCC) would like to remind districts of the well established protocol for running Level 1 courses in their districts, as communicated since 2011 through the Train-the-Trainer (T-t-T) courses. There are reasons why this needs to be adhered to as closely as possible: Notification six months before: Clubs plan schedules well in advance; the district-liaison NSCC member needs to check availability and organise for a fellow member to attend if unavailable; Bowls SA needs make travel arrangements well in advance to take advantage of reduced fares; Districts are recommended to follow the programme provided at T-t-T courses: the sequence allows a flow in the build-up of knowledge (although weather may influence this); candidates need to complete the post-course projects, monitored by DSCC facilitators, preferably within 2 months of the course. All candidates need to participate in the course (at all three levels) and do the relevant post-course project(s) to ensure maintenance of coaching standards throughout South Africa: while some candidates may have good knowledge in some areas, they are not necessarily proficient at all levels. Constraints are not there to restrict participation as coaches, but to ensure quality coaching. All queries to Jill Atkinson, NSCC Co-ordinator of Club Coach courses (jillatkinson@bergmail.co.za).

Tournament venues for 2015

BowlsSA advises the following venues have been confirmed for 2015 national tournaments after inspections conducted by the National Standing Committee: Greens: **Warwick/BowlsSA Masters:** The Wanderers (JBA); **Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Open Interdistrict Championships** Park Hill (P Natal); Stella Park, Durban, Westville; **Perfect Delivery/BowlsSA Senior Interdistrict Championships:** George (Eden), Outeniqua, Oudtshoorn. (Men) 4

greens; **BowlsSA B Interdistrict Championships:** Wingate Park (Gauteng N), Irene, Meyerspark, Vriendekring; **Warwick/BowlsSA U-25 Interdistrict Championships:** Bloemfontein Municipal (S Free State); **BowlsSA U-19 Development Tournament:** Orangia (S Free State)

First club call

Members of more than one club within a district must annually, at the beginning of each district financial year nominate their 'first call club'. Members of more than one club who wish to change their 'first call club' during a financial year should in writing, via the new club, re-nominate their 'first call club' to be entitled to compete in the balance of the years district competitions. A waiting period of 30 days from the notification of change applies before a member is entitled to compete in any district event in which they have already participated. Bowlers wishing to represent a second call club at the national championships may do so provided that they provide the tournament committee with written permission from their first call club.

What is a novice?

The Bowls SA executive have declared a bona fide member of a club affiliated to Bowls South Africa, having been registered as a member with any national bowling association for not more than three (3) years at the date of the commencement of the specific event, is considered a novice. Any bowler having won a national, provincial, district or club Singles Championship shall

BSA office closed

BowlsSA's office will be close from 12pm on Friday December 13, 2013 until Monday January 6, 2014.

Affiliation fees for 2014 from:

November R29.25; December R14.60

Bowls South Africa Price List-As at September 2014

1	Markers Guide for Beginners / Merkers Gids vir Beginners	R20.00	R15.00	(If more than 10)
2	An Introduction to Bowls Inleiding tot Rolbal		R25.00 R25.00	
3	Laws of the Sport of Bowls		R30.00	
5	The Etiquette of Bowls / Rolbal Etiket	R20.00	R15.00	
6	Better Greens Breed Better Bowlers Greens Improvement Programme		R25.00	
7	Technical Official & Markers Log Books		R15.00	Districts only
8	Coaches Log Book		R15.00	Districts only
9	Technical Official Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
10	Markers Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
11	Coaches Badges, Certificates and Log Books		R45.00	Districts only
12	Technical Official Level 3 & 4 Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
13	Coaches Senior & Elite Badges, Certificates and Log Books		Free	Districts only
14	Development Guidelines		R25.00	Districts only
15	Green Keeping Level 1		R50.00	Districts only
16	Lawn Bowls : Greens Management		R300.00	
17	Play Bowls		R60.00	
18	Walk the Line DVD		R50.00	
19	SA Masters DVD		R50.00	
20	Coaches Reference Manual - Hard Copy		R300.00	
21	Coaches Reference Manual - CD		R25.00	
22	Replace lost /stolen badges including postage		R35.00	BSA 2014

Please order items through your district office

SA bowls laws change on October 1

World Bowls recently revised the bowls laws; changes were ratified at a council meeting held in Glasgow, Scotland. The revised South African domestic regulations have also been approved by World Bowls.

New books are available:

- **Books with the domestic regulations are R30 a copy;**
- **Bowlers may place orders through district offices;**
- **New laws are effective from October 1.**

BowlsSA is keen for all parties to uniformly interpret the changes to the laws and in an effort to achieve this, the following may assist:

Summary of major changes between the: Laws of the sport of bowls - Second Edition (current laws) and Laws of the sport of bowls - Third Edition (new laws)

• In the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Second edition (Current Laws) They use the term "Should" to indicate when an action is compulsory.

• In the Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Third edition (New Laws) To emphasise an action is compulsory they replaced the word "should" with "Must" (± 351 times)

1. There are a few "cosmetic" changes to clarify a matter and to make interpretation easier.

2. There are also a few changes that do not concern bowls in South Africa i.e. the use of Ground Sheets etc.

3. The Laws are re-grouped – all laws concerning a particular matter are now placed together therefore, all the law numbers have changed.

4. There are only two changes directly applicable in South Africa:

i) The scoreboard and the scorecard

ii) Position on the mat when delivering a bowl (foot-fault rule)

Remember whenever the Laws states "The Member National Authority can decide" It means that for Domestic Play (play in South Africa – Bowls South Africa can change the Law to suit our conditions) and the change must be described in our "Domestic Regulations" In the New Law book, Bowls South Africa's "Domestic Regulations" are found at the back of the new Law Book. (P 147-159)

i) The scoreboard and the scorecard

Laws of the sport of bowls - Third Edition (New Laws)

40.1.8 For domestic play, member national authorities may decide procedures for using a scoreboard instead of one of the score cards.

40.1.9 For domestic play, member national authorities may transfer skips' duties described

in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team. However, they must make sure the duties are transferred to players whose playing positions are the same in each team.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA DOMESTIC REGULATIONS

40.1.8 A scoreboard may be used in lieu of one of the scorecards. In the event of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the score card the two skips will agree to the correct score. If there is no consensus, the scoreboard will overrule the score card. It is the responsibility of the team winning the toss to ensure that the scoreboard is updated after each end.

40.1.9 The skips can transfer their duties described in law 40.1.7 to other members of the team. However, they must make sure that the duties are transferred to players whose positions, in order of play, are the same in each team.

Interpretation of this law

Although Law 40.1.10 States

40.1.10 Skips can, at any time, delegate their own powers and any of their own duties (**except those described in law 40.1.7**) to any other members of the team as long as they tell the opposing skip immediately.

This means that for International play (play other than in South Africa) the Skip cannot delegate the score card and must keep it himself.

ii) Position on the mat (Foot fault Rule)

Laws of the sport of bowls - Second Edition (Current Laws)

20 Position on the mat

20.1 Before delivery a player should be standing on the mat with **one foot fully on the mat**. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player should have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

Laws of the sport of bowls - Third Edition (New Laws)

7 Position on the mat

7.1 Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat.

Interpretation of this law

The technical official (Umpire) must observe that when a player delivers a bowl he/she must have at least a part of his/her foot on the mat.